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SUBJECT: CCD: WESTERN GROUP MEETING JULY 2

1. AT MEETING OF WESTERN CCD GROUP OF NATO ALLIES

1US JAPAN ON MORNING OF JULY 2, AMBASSADOR MARTIN
GAVE AN OUTLINE OF HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING MEETING AND BRIEFED
THE GROUP ON THE PREVIOUS DAY'S CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING. (SEPTTEL)
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2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR GUIDANCE, AMBASSADOR MARTIN TOLD THE GROUP THAT TECHNICAL TALKS HAD BEGUN WITH THE SOVIETS IN EARLY JUNE TO SEE IF CRITERIA COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR A THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE MIGHT BE REACHED AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT MEETING. HE ADDED THAT DETAILS OF VERIFICATION MIGHT HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIETS. MARTIN ADDED THERE WAS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED AT THE SUMMIT TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON CURGING ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE. HE SAID THE SOVIETS MAY RAISE CW AT THE SUMMIT, BUT THAT HE DID NOT NOW ANTICIPATE ANY AGREEMENT ON IT. HE POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED A WIDE-RANGING REVIEW OF THE CW QUESTION, BUT HAD TAKEN NO CW DECISIONS. MARTIN ALSO TOLD THE GROUP THAT WE ARE WORKING ON A POSSIBLE APPROACH TO GREATER RESTRAINTS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND HOPE TO PRESENT IT LATER IN THE SESSION.

3. NONE OF THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GROUP MADE ANY SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT AT THE MEETING, HOWEVER, IT WAS OBVIOUS ALL WERE HIGHLY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT MEETING. THE JAPANESE AMB RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CCD MIGHT PLAY A DEFINITE ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH THRESHOLD TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS AND AMB MARTIN DISCOURAGED THE GROUP FROM BUILDING UP SUCH AN EXPECTATION.

4. AMBASSADOR HAINWORTH (U.K.) SAID THE BRITISH WILL BESENDING AN EXPERT (HOLMES) TO THE INFORMAL CW MEETING, BUT THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW YET WHAT THE NATURE OF THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE. AMBASSADOR ROSENBERG POLAK (NETHERLANDS) ANNOUNCED THAT DUTCH EXPERT WOULD BE MAKING AN ORAL CONTRIBUTION AT THE EXPERTS' MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF MONITORING WASTES FROM CHEMICAL FACTORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETECTING PRODUCTION OF CW AGENTS.

5. AMBASSADOR NISIBORI (JAPAN) COMMENTED THAT THE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST, "WHICH HAD UNFORTUNATELY BEEN FOLLOWED BY TESTS BY OTHERS" WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CCD DELIBERATIONS THIS SEASON. ROSENBERG POLAK SIMILARLY INDICATED THAT THE HAGUE REMAINED DISTURBED BY THE INDIAN TEST AND HE THOUGHT THIS SUBJECT COULD NOT BE AVOIDED AT THE CURRENT SESSION. AMBASSADOR MARTIN POINTED OUT THAT IN HIS OPENING SPEECH HE WOULD BE REITERATING OUR STRONG SUPPORT OF THE NPT AND AFFIRMING THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN OUR POLICY AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS

CONTAINED IN STATE 139890 DID NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR
USE AT THE MEETING; HOWEVER, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DRAW
ON THIS MATERIAL LATER, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE EXPECT
THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE INDIAN TEST WILL PROBABLY BE
DISCUSSED MORE SUBSTANTIALLY WITHIN THE WESTERN GROUP
IN COMING DAYS. ABRAMS

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